



# *STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS*

Mayor Bob Taylor  
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Welcome!!



# INTRODUCTIONS

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# BUDGET UPDATE *(Cont.)*

## Balanced Budget and 30% Reserve

- General Fund revenues cover operating expenses.
- Continue to maintain 30% reserves = \$11.7 million budgeted for F/Y 13/14.
- Property tax revenues up 8.45%.

# BUDGET UPDATE

*Fiscal Stability: Provide the City with the financial capacity to continue to offer top quality public service levels.*

## Fiscal Model

- 10 Year look at General Fund revenues, expenses and fund balances.
- Ensures we are spending within our means.
- Identify future budget challenges easily.
  - Allows Council to make necessary course corrections well in advance.



# CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

- The City's website provides many important resources to the public and to staff.
- Redesign the City's website to include new features and reorganize the content to further enhance use by the general public. Completion anticipated in Spring 2014.



# CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN PROGRESS



# LANDSCAPE PROJECTS

Landscape enhancements in various areas throughout the City:

- Walnut Boulevard
- John Muir Parkway
- Brentwood Boulevard Median





# INFRASTRUCTURE



Energy conservation improvements – solar and LED streetlights. These improvements will save the City money on power and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

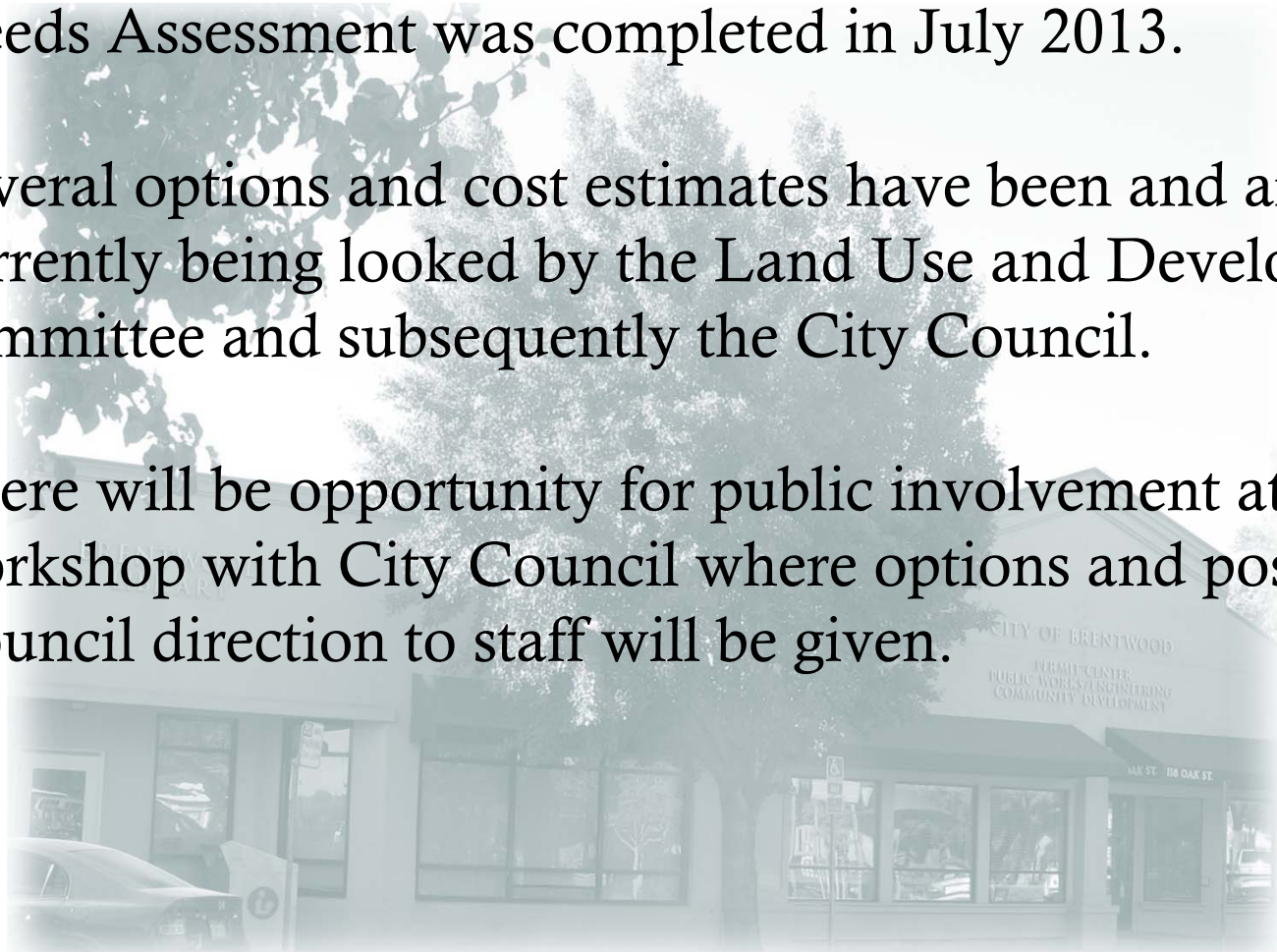
Annual Pavement Management Program awarded MTC Best Roads three years running.





# LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

- Needs Assessment was completed in July 2013.
- Several options and cost estimates have been and are currently being looked by the Land Use and Development committee and subsequently the City Council.
- There will be opportunity for public involvement at a workshop with City Council where options and possible Council direction to staff will be given.



# TRANSPORTATION





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## Sand Creek Road Interchange – Under Construction:

- Four-lane widening Lone Tree to Sand Creek Road.
- Overpass and elimination of signalized intersection for continuous traffic flow.
- Estimated completion mid-2014.



## Future SR-4 Projects:

- Balfour Road interchange and four-lane widening Sand Creek Road to Balfour Road – currently under design. Construction bids estimated 2013.
- Construction estimated 2015.





# TRANSPORTATION *(Cont.)*

## Highway 4:

- Eight-lane widening to Somersville Road– under construction. Estimated completion 2014.
- Widening to Hillcrest Road – estimated completion 2015.

## eBart:

- Extension of BART line and Hillcrest station.
- Under construction with Highway 4 widening. Estimated completion 2017.

## Tri-Link Project – SR 239

- Connect SR 4 in Brentwood to I-205 in Tracy.
- Studies being developed with aid from Federal Grant.

# SOLID WASTE

## Split Body Trucks – Savings and Benefits:

- By using split body trucks, we reduce frequency of residential pick up by 50% (both garbage and recycle/green waste are serviced in one trip).
- Reduction in time, staffing needs and fuel spent servicing the route.
- Reduce impact on the environment and road wear with less miles traveled.

All of these help to keep Solid Waste rates down. Currently, Brentwood has the lowest rates in the area.



## Double duty for City truck

### Split-body design saves time and fuel

These trucks operate more efficiently by making one pass by everyone's home to collect two commodities, saving time and fuel, while reducing the impact on the environment with less miles traveled per day and less emissions released into the environment. These benefits allow the City to keep Solid Waste rates down.



The City of Brentwood uses splitbody trucks to collect garbage and recyclables. Splitbody trucks have two compartments that are completely separated by a metal barrier. Recycling and garbage are never mixed. Garbage is taken to the landfill. Recyclables go to a processing facility for further sorting.



The City's splitbody trucks can pick up garbage and recyclables in one trip. The trucks have separate compartments for garbage and recyclables.

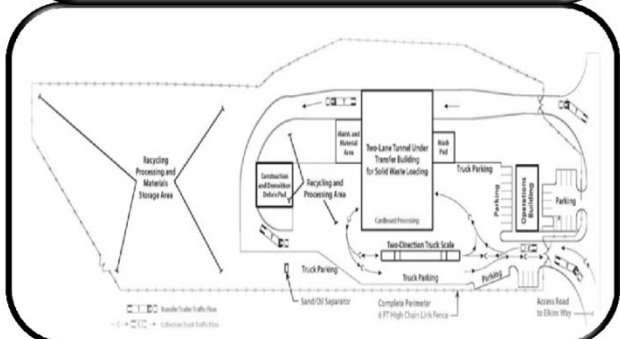


While it may appear to residents the materials are being combined together, what is happening operationally is the driver moves a large hydraulically operated divider panel back and forth to direct the materials to the appropriate compartment.

The truck reduces the impact on the environment

# SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

- The Transfer Station is the place where garbage trucks unload, consolidate garbage, recyclables and green waste to go to the proper facility.
- Gives the City local control over how garbage and recycle is handled.
- Can haul the equivalent of six garbage trucks in one transfer truck.
- Gives the City the opportunity to keep the waste stream separate. Helps us maintain low rates.
- Provide local, efficient service to residents and businesses.
- Relocating from Sunset Park. Provides for additional parking at Sunset Park.





# PARKS AND RECREATION



## Universal Abilities Playground at Veteran's Park

- Constructed using East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Funds.
- City worked with Special Kids Foundation to design this one-of-a-kind playground that serves children of all abilities.
- Unique pirate theme with custom-made ship components.
- Grand Opening celebration held on February 1<sup>st</sup> with approximately 500 attendees.

# PARKS AND RECREATION *(Cont.)*

## Veteran's Park Bocce Court Expansion

- Completed in March 2013.
- Constructed using East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Funds.
- City worked with the bocce user group for design.
- Improvements included new shade structures, picnic tables, benches and improved court accessibility.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

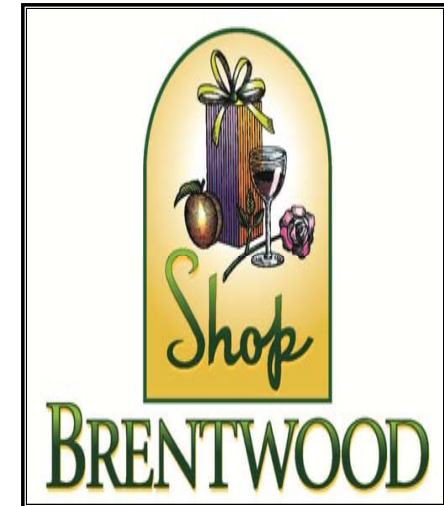


- Downtown: New businesses have relocated downtown (Wholesale Patio Warehouse, Alvis Frantz Associates, Moxy Boutique, etc.) reducing the vacancy rate from 40% to less than 10%.
- Streets of Brentwood: New owner has made significant improvements and plans to expand the center. New tenants include: Charming Charlie's, Sleep Number Beds, Black Angus, Maurice's, Starbucks.
- Agriculture Enterprise: 988 acres preserved.



# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Shop Local Program has helped small local retailers.
- Halt Medical received FDA approval
- Several major office deals (lease or purchase), including but not limited to Rodda Solar, Sutter Health.
- Many local firms expanding (Halt Medical, Tactical Command Industries, Precision Cabinets, Rodda Solar).
- Award-winning marketing program to promote Brentwood as a business destination.
- Business services - such as consulting, entrepreneur training, financial assistance through other agencies, locating and buying real estate to allow for expansion - provided to 58 businesses, assisting with business attraction / expansions that generated 340 new jobs.



# REGIONAL COLLABORATION



- Expands the City's visibility & credibility with East Bay industry.



- Pools resources with other cities to attract businesses.



- Gives Brentwood a voice on regional policy issues.



# GENERAL PLAN UPDATE





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- This two-year project kicked-off in September 2012.
- Will provide a comprehensive update of the City's goals and policies related to future development.
- Public input was gathered in late 2012 through a series of workshops and surveys.
- A 12-member Working Group meets on a regular basis to provide policy direction for the project. (Includes 2 City Council members, 2 Planning Commission Members, 1 Park & Recreation Commission Member and 7 at large.) These meetings are open to the public and can be viewed on line at <http://brentwood.generalplan.org/meetings-and-workshops>.
- The Working Group will recommend Goals and Policies and a preferred land-use map to the City Council.
- A public draft of the General Plan Update should be available in February 2014, with adoption scheduled for July or August 2014.

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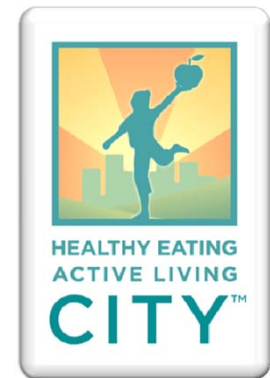
- The City of Brentwood currently has 69 parks, including 17 pocket parks, and sites identified for 24 more.
- Waterplay features continue to be a huge success in our parks, especially City Park and Blue Goose Park.
- Brentwood received statewide recognition for excellence in employment by the California Disability Service Association for providing work opportunities to community member with developmental disabilities (Future Explored).



- Brentwood has been recognized for the third year in a row as a “Tree City USA Community”, an award sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

# PARKS AND RECREATION *(Cont.)*

- In 2010, Brentwood became a “Healthy Eating Active Living” (HEAL) city! Brentwood adopted a Wellness policy in 2007 and has been one of the leading cities in acknowledging that the “environment” is a key factor in fighting obesity and inactivity.



- Brentwood was voted “Playful City USA” for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

- The City was designated a “Bike Friendly Community” by the League of American Bicyclists.





# PUBLIC SAFETY

Quality police services remains a top priority.



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## On-Line Police Services

Just a few of our on line services that are available to you. You may access these links at: <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/departments/pd/public/index.cfm>.

- File an On-Line Police Report
- Citizen's Input Form
- Citizen Complaint Procedures
- Report a problem property
- Domestic Violence Resource
- Vacation Watch
- Crime Mapping
- Nixle Service – Police alerts through your cell phone at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)



# PUBLIC SAFETY *(Cont.)*

- The Police Department conducted joint emergency incident response training with both school districts. More training is scheduled.
- With Council support and approval, the Police Department has re-established the Police Reserve Office Program. The hiring process is underway.
- Brentwood continues to enjoy one of the best Neighborhood Watch Programs in the region. We have over 65 Neighborhood Watch Groups participating.
- Police cars are equipped with a mobile data system.
- The Police Department currently has 62 sworn police officers and 20 civilian support staff.







## IN SUMMARY ...

- Budget
- Construction Projects
- Economic Development
- General Plan Update
- Public Safety

Thank You!